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December 19th, 1914

Professor Maurice Jastrow,

Librarian,

University of Pennsylvania.

My dear Sir:

Owing to the heated state of public opinion there has been trouble through the presence of certain members on our staff who are of German birth and citizenship. The Governors have therefore resolved to give them leave of absence on full pay until the end of the academic year. It has occurred to me that if I could arrange an exchange for Professor Penzinger till the end of the academic year we should be helped out of our difficulty. You know his reputation as a scholar. He is also an excellent teacher. Professor Torrey of Yale has mentioned to me that possibly Ernst R. Charles of the University of Pennsylvania would be willing to make an exchange for the next term, and that he would be an excellent instructor for us. May I ask you to let me know what you think of the matter? I suggested it to Provost Smith at the beginning of the week in a letter to him, but so far I have had no answer.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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President Robert Falkoner  
University of Toronto  
Toronto, Canada

My dear President Falkoner, -

Prof. I. Benzinger

writes me that he has resigned his position at your University and I venture to enquire whether it is your intention to fill this position. If so, I would like to recommend one of my students, Dr. B. B. Charles, who is now instructor in Semitic Languages in our University and would be well qualified to teach Arabic as well as Hebrew and also Assyrian up to a certain point. Dr. Charles is a man of some thirty who has had considerable experience in the East having been a member of the Cornell Expedition to Asia Minor and a Fellow of the Archaeological Institute for one year under the direction of Prof. Schmidt of Cornell University at the time the latter was director of the Archaeological School at Jerusalem. Dr. Charles has also done archaeological work on Hittite monuments so that you see he is a scholar of wide attainments.

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I write to you of him because he naturally is looking forward to a more prominent position than that of instructor, especially as we have a number of men in our Department already. Personally, Dr. Charles is a very quiet modest person, almost too shy. I shall be glad to give you further information if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

*Morris Jastrow*



January 9th, 1915

Dr. Morris Jastrow, Jr.,  
University of Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Jastrow:

I do not think that we shall fill Dr. Benzinger's position for some time to come, certainly not until the close of the present academic year at the earliest. We may appoint a temporary lecturer in Arabic. My own impression is that we shall hold the position open until the close of the war. It is very difficult to find men qualified for such a position, and you are aware of the very special circumstances under which Dr. Benzinger resigned. If in the meantime Dr. Benzinger can get any permanent position I shall be very glad, because I am unable to gauge what the temper of the people will be at the close of the war, but we shall work along with temporary arrangements. I am glad, however, to have Dr. Charles' name and I shall keep it before me.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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248 So. 23rd Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.,

June 10, 1915.

President Robert A. Falconer,  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Canada.

My dear President Falconer:

You asked me some years ago to let you know from time to time the names of lecturers engaged by our committee, with a view to possibly cooperating with us. We have now made definite arrangements to have Professor J. Estlin Carpenter, Principal of Manchester College, Oxford, and, as you are aware, one of the most distinguished English scholars, come to us in the fall for a course of six lectures on the Early Organization of the Christian Church, in which Professor Carpenter in a measure sums up his life work on this period. The sub-titles of the course are as follows:

- I. Christianity and Judaism; Paul and the Principle of Universalism.
- II. Christianity and the Hellenic Thought; the Fourth Gospel, and the Transformation of the Eschatological Hope.
- III. Christianity and the Religions of Redemption; the Soul's Purification and Return to the Upper World.
- IV. Christianity and Philosophy; Celsus and the later Philosophical Mysticism.
- V. Christian Gnosticism; Clement of Alexandria and Origen; the higher Christology.
- VI. The Formation of the Catholic Church; Ireneus, Tertullian, Cyprian.

This outline, I may add, is not entirely definite and in the syllabus which Professor Carpenter is preparing there

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may be some slight deviations -- chiefly, however, in the arrangement of the subjects.

Professor Carpenter's name as a scholar is well known and the committee has also satisfied itself that he possesses the qualifications for a popular lecturer. We have every reason to believe, therefore, that the course will be well received in America.

It will be exceedingly gratifying, especially during the present year, to have this course by your distinguished fellow-countryman given in Canada and I venture, therefore, to submit this suggestion to you. I may be able to offer you the week of December 6th to 11th or the following week, December 13th to 18th, though owing to complications of correspondence with seven or eight other institutions I cannot as yet indicate the dates definitely. The pro rata for the entire course in each center will be \$300.

Professor Carpenter himself, whom I have known for many years, is such a charming and sympathetic man that I am sure the presentation of his views will be agreeable even to those who may not agree with him in all particulars.

Awaiting your pleasure in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Morris Jastrow*



June 12th, 1915

Professor Morris Jastrow, Jr.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Professor Jastrow:

I have to thank you very much for letting me know that Professor Carpenter of Manchester College, Oxford, is to lecture for the committee on "The History of Religions" next autumn. Of course I know Professor Carpenter's work and distinguished position and I should be very glad to have a series of lectures from him, but I am sorry that it will be impossible for us to make the arrangement for next year. Our position owing to the war is so abnormal that the Governors have decided that we must work our way through next year simply as we are, or with a reduction in our expense.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.